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BOUNTY BILL.

A BILL

Entitled, "An Act to provide Bounty for Soldiers entering the Service of the United States, to fill the quotas of Maryland under the call of the President of the United States, of December 1864, and under future calls."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever, under the aforesaid Proclamation of the President, or any other similar one hereafter made, a draft shall take place in this State to fill her quota or the residue of her quota under such call, a bounty of three hundred dollars shall be paid to every person drafted and held to service, or to every person volunteering or furnishing a representative substitute, or his authorized agent or attorney, under the call of the President, of December 1864, or any other similar one which shall hereafter be made.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That three responsible citizens shall be appointed by the Governor of the State, by and with the advice of and consent of the Senate for each county, and one for each of the Legislative districts of the city of Baltimore, to be called the "Maryland State Bounty Boards" for the said counties and city respectively, and that the said boards upon

giving bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars by each member of said boards, to be approved by the Governor shall have the right to draw upon the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller of the State for the amount of three hundred dollars for each drafted man, volunteer or representative substitute, or his authorized agent or attorney, to be paid to such persons as may furnish proper certificates from the officer authorized to grant such certificates, that he has volunteered, been drafted and held to service, or furnished a substitute under said call or any similar call hereafter made and credited as a part of the quota of the sub-districts in which such volunteer, drafted man or principal of such substitute may reside, and every member of the said boards so constituted under this section, shall receive a compensation of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the performance of the duties imposed by this act, and provided, that no appointments shall be made by the Governor for any county or the city of Baltimore, in case the said county or the city of Baltimore, has filled its quota prior to the said call or any similar call hereafter made.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the said board created by this Act shall make reports once in every three weeks, to the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the amounts disbursed by them respectively under this Act, and the persons to whom such disbursements shall have been made; and shall continue to make such reports until the quotas of each county and the city of Baltimore shall have been filled; and they shall make their first reports within three weeks after the first payment shall have been made by them under this Act; and in addition to the compensation heretofore provided for, the said boards shall be allowed for stationery and incidental expenses, including rent of room, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each board in the respective counties, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the board of the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of meeting the expenses to be incurred under this Act, a fund is hereby created to be called the Defence Loan, and the Treasurer of the State, is hereby authorized under the direction of the Governor to issue bonds or certificates of debt, countersigned by the Comptroller, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, and redeemable in not less than ten nor more than fifteen years, at the pleasure of the State in the name and on behalf of the State of Maryland, to an amount not exceeding four millions of dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the proceeds of such bonds or certificates so issued shall be passed to the credit of said Defence Loan, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying all liabilities to be incurred under the provisions of

this Act, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby authorised under the direction of the Governor to invest in the bonds to be issued as aforesaid, one million of dollars of the interest of the Sinking Fund or any other fund in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that all payments made by or on account of the purchasers of the bonds or certificates of debt issued under the provisions of this bill, shall be made to the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller, and all certificates of debt or bonds so issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Comptroller.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the special tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars authorized by the fifth section of the Act of January session, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, chapter fifteen, shall continue to be levied as therein provided, to meet the interest and create a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds or certificates of debts herein directed to be issued, and the tax shall be annually levied, collected and paid over, as the other State taxes are levied, collected and paid over to the State Treasury, until the debt created by this Act, and by the said Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall have been paid, and a separate and distinct account shall be kept thereof, and the proceeds thereof are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds or certificates issued under this Act or said Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That no further certificates of indebtedness under the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, chapter fifteen, shall be issued, and whatever bounties or arrearages of bounty still remain to be paid, under the provisions of that Act, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the loan hereby authorized.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of the several counties, be and are hereby authorized to raise by loan or otherwise such sum or sums as may be necessary to pay to each volunteer or drafted man, or person furnishing a representative substitute, or his authorized agent or attorney, the sum of two hundred dollars in addition to the State bounty as provided for in the previous sections of this Act, for the purpose of filling the quota of the several counties and of the city of Baltimore, under the call of the President of the United States for three hundred thousand men, dated December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or any other similar one which shall hereafter be made.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the County Commissioners of the several counties aforesaid, are hereby prohibited from

levying or paying any larger sum than is herein before provided for in section six of this Act.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

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